

about the causes which led to the country's founding fathers throwing off the yoke of tyranny. John Crook then sang the "Star Spangled Banner," after which James A. Smith and Richard Sessions addressed the congregation.

Following the addresses the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and toasts were proposed, with three cheers offered for the Fourth of July and for President Brigham Young.

Committee for the day's events included William M. Wall, John Witt, John M. Murdoch, John Galligher and John Hamilton the town marshal.

One of the first public exhibits in the community came in the early 1870's when a group of public spirited men organized what they called "The Agricultural Association." Through this group an exhibit of all local products was put together and free government seed was distributed to everyone interested. The exhibit or fair was held in the Old Hall or Social Hall on Main Street. This same association promoted fruit tree planting, and would make arrangements for anyone interested to obtain the desired trees.

Special fairs have been sponsored by several organizations during the years, and mention is made here of some occasioned by special events.



Emma Hatch (later Mrs. W. R. Wherritt)  
who was Wasatch County Queen when  
Utah became a state in 1896.

Utah's attainment of statehood in 1896 was a cause for celebration throughout the state and in Wasatch County as well. Each county in the state was invited to select a queen who would represent the area in the state-wide celebration as a maid of honor to the state's Carnival Queen.

Emma Hatch (Wherritt) was chosen as Wasatch County's representative, and participated in many gala events.

An especially successful fair and celebration took place in 1924 when the Stake MIA, acting on a suggestion of the MIA General Board, sponsored a "Wasatch County Homecoming and Round-Up." Elder Oscar A. Kirkham of the general board visited with the stake and presented the idea, which was received with such overwhelming enthusiasm that the schools, the city and county governments and all the communities in the valley joined with the MIA to sponsor the event.



ReNee Thacker (Carlile) reigned as Wasatch County Queen during Utah's Centennial Celebration in 1947. Attendants shown here on the county float were Nadene Sweat and Eileen Dearden.

John A. Anderson, stake YMMIA superintendent, and Josephine Broadbent, YLMIA president of the stake, were in charge of the celebration, assisted by members of their stake boards.

Individual communities in the valley held home-coming celebrations on July 24, which was a Thursday. Then on Friday, July 25, the whole stake joined together for a program and celebration on the Tabernacle grounds. A grand parade, baseball at the city park, a free barbeque at which three beef were roasted, rodeo, wrestling matches, an operetta by the Primary children, fireworks from an airplane and a dance were some of the events held during this day. Then on Saturday, July 26, family